



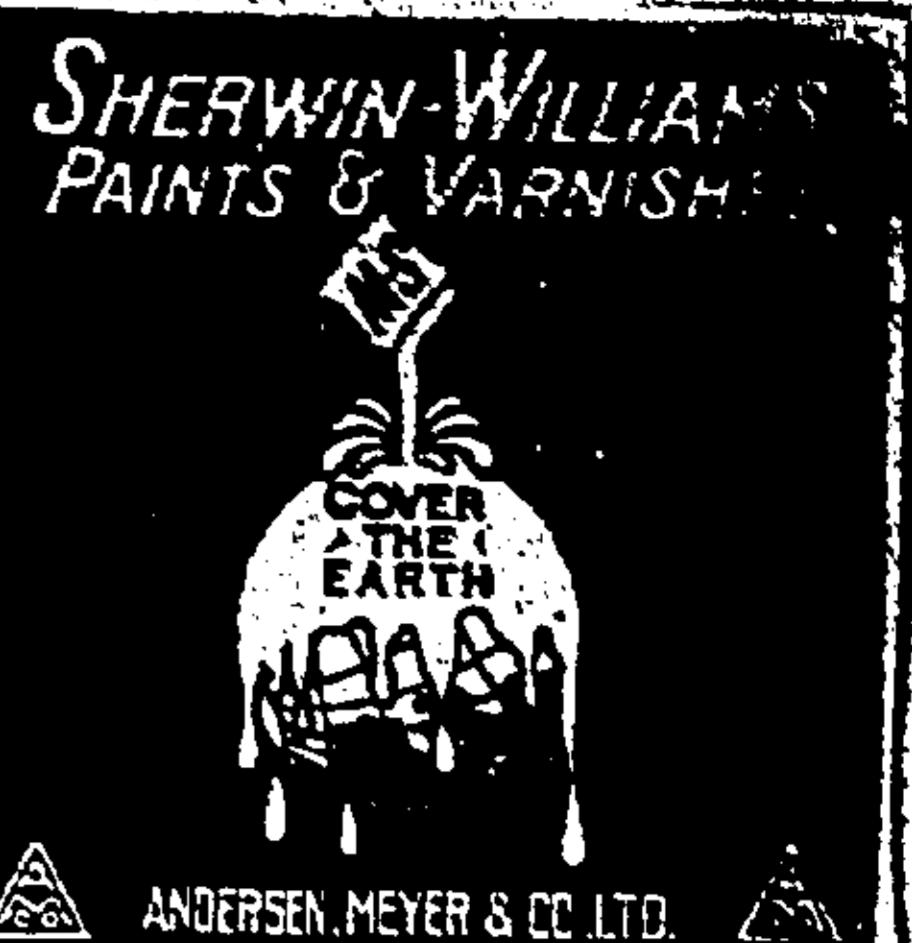
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TO-DAY'S COUNCIL MEETING.

DEFENCE CORPS ORDINANCE REPEALED.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO BE DEALT WITH BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE OVER POLICE DISCONTENT.

GOVERNOR AND MR. POLLOCK AT VARIANCE

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber today when those present were:

H. E. the Governor (Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, C.M.G.) presiding.

H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General F. Ventris).

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., Attorney General.

The Hon. Mr. C. M. I. Messer, O.B.E., Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, O.B.E., Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G. Director of Public Works.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Capt. Superintendent of Police.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr.

The Hon. Mr. R. G. Shewan.

The Hon. Mr. J. Johnstone.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.

Mr. J. A. E. Bullock, acting Clerk of Councils.

FINANCIAL

Amongst the financial minutes referred to the Finance Committee were the following:

\$1,925 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments—Police, other charges, iron bunks.

\$2,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong; erection of a latrine in Duddell Street.

\$5,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, miscellaneous water works.

\$240,000 on account of Miscellaneous Services, special allowance on salaries.

\$69,250 in aid of the following votes:—Miscellaneous Services:—New Government Offices—electric, fans and light, \$2,400; lifts maintenance, \$350; Printing and Binding—Miscellaneous papers, \$8,000; Ordinances, Regulations, and Reports, \$500; stationery, \$18,000; transport of Government Servants, \$40,000.

\$27,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, Tytan Gap to Shaukiwan, improving existing road.

\$2,986.37 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, grinding machine for workshop.

\$40,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Water Works, maintenance of City and Hill District.

\$12,560 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments—Passages and bonuses in lieu of passages.

\$4,000 in aid of the following votes:—Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon—Maintenance of Water Works, \$3,000; Water Account (Meters, &c.), \$1,000.

\$3,800 in aid of the following votes:—Public Works, Recurrent, New Territories—Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages, \$3,000; Maintenance of Laichikok Water Works, \$800.

\$13,700 in aid of the following votes—Kowloon-Canton Rail Way—Locomotive, carriage, and wagon expenses, coal, \$13,000; Banking Branch Line, coal, \$700.

\$4,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon, typhoon and rainstorm damages.

\$3,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Miscellaneous drainage works.

\$900 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, additions and alterations to Shaukiwan Police Station.

\$3,000 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, subsistence of prisoners.

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present the men who had returned from active service. He thought that such a representative committee as that would be able to produce regulations that would be satisfactory, for it was the regulations that were important. The regulations of the old Defence Corps were drawn up with great care and they were taken from the Territorial Force regulations. They had been found very suitable and he was sure they would be well suited to any Volunteer Corps whatever. At present all he was at liberty to say was that he should recommend that the number of drills should be reduced and also the number of days in Camp. He could not conclude without once more thanking the old Defence Corps for their magnificent services in the past and he trusted that when the first parade of the new corps was held he should see not only most of the old faces but many more of men who had returned to the Colony since the war. There were many who had returned above the age of 21 or 22 who would really be trained men and who would not require any recruit training at all, but there was a certain number of younger men who had reached the age of twenty since the armistice and those were the men he would like to see as recruits. He was quite sure that they would not hang back when they saw their seniors joining up. He wished success to the new Corps. (Hear, hear and applause.)

The Bill was read through all its stages and passed.

POLICE MATTERS.

The Hon. Mr. Johnstone asked the following questions:

1. Will the Government give any information regarding the present dispute concerning the pay of certain recently arrived Europeans for the Police Force?
2. In view of the recent armed robberies and acts of violence committed in the heart of the City do the Government consider the present Police Force (including the recently joined members) of sufficient strength to adequately deal with same either (1) by increasing the number on point duty or (2) patrol duty?
3. If, as seems reasonable in view of recent events, the reply to question No. 2 is in the negative, will the Government give any information regarding the steps to be taken or which have already been taken to increase the numbers of the European Police Force?
4. This has already been recognized and the necessary recommendations have been made. They are now awaiting the approval of the Secretary of State.

5. £27,270 including all ranks of Europeans excepting Superintendents.

6 and 7.—In view of the answer to question 4 questions 6 and 7 do not arise. I would add, however, that, if the Council agrees, the Government proposes pending the receipt of the Secretary of State's decision to pay all European Police Constables and men on the European Branch of that Force?

5. What would an increase of 30% on these men's salaries cost the Government?

6. If the reply to question No. 4 is in the negative, will the Government consent to the formation of a committee to enquire into the matter, and that meanwhile steps should be taken to consider in what way the new organisation should be carried on. He proposed to appoint a Committee for the drafting of that Bill and the General Officer Commanding (Major-General Ventris) had agreed to provide the services of officers and the rank and file would also be appointed. He thought that the Committee would be composed by representatives from the employers, whom he had asked the Chamber of Commerce to nominate. A Committee formed on that line would, he might hope, draft a voluntary Ordinance most suitable for the requirements of the Colony.

The first reading was agreed to.

On the second reading Major General Ventris said that he might be expected to say a few words on a Bill of that kind. The Bill itself was nothing, but it was on the future that he wished to say a few words. He would ask permission to add one more member to the Committee and that would be a member to re-

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POLICE TROUBLE.

EUROPEAN CONSTABLE REFUSES DUTY.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 5s 1/4d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—fine. Barometer:—50.15. Temperature 2 p.m.:—67. Humidity 2 p.m.:—63.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor last evening entertained Vice-Admiral Satoru Horiochi, I.J.N., to dinner at Government House. The other guests present were:

H.E. Major-General F. Ventris, C.B.; Captain J. A. Willcox, A.D.C.; Commodore V. G. Gurner, R.N.; Pay Lieut. Com. A. Holborn, O.B.E., R.N.; Captain Shosaku Harada, I.J.N., H.I.J.

M.S. Adzuma; Eng. Capt. Tekizo Kawakami, I.J.N., H.I.J.M.S. Tokiwa; Lieut. Com. S. Shimada, I.J.N.; Flag Lieut. Tatsuo Matsuka, I.J.N.; Capt. J. W. Carrington, D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. Carlisle; Com. C. P. Talbot, D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. Ambrose; Com. R. B. McCowan, D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. Alacrity; Lieut. Col. F. H. Griffiths, R.M.; Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.; Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G.; Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G.; Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, O.B.E.; Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E.; Captain B. N. Taylor; R.N.; Mr. E. Suzuki, Mr. S. Yasuda, Mr. T. Inouye, Lieut. Com. Shichiro Miyoshi, I.J.N., Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. R. A. C. North.

After dinner, His Excellency gave an entertainment in the Ball Room for the Officers and Midshipmen of H.I.J.M.S. Tokiwa and H.I.J.M.S. Adzuma.

DAY BY DAY.

At the Choral Eucharist at St. John's Cathedral at 7.45 a.m. on Christmas Day, *Adeste Fideles* will be sung during the procession and introit. The Kyrie and Sanctus will be from Stanford in B flat and the service *Merbecke*.

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong Boxing Association held on the 22nd inst., Sir William Rees Davies in the chair, it was decided to hand the sum of £100 to the Captain Superintendent of Police to be forwarded by him to the widow of the late Warden Speed.

Last night the annual Christmas draw took place at the Kowloon Cricket Club. The number of tickets sold, about 1,700, was in excess of any previous year, whilst the prizes numbered about 400 and included turkeys, sucking pigs, hampers, Christmas puddings, cigars and cigarettes, and many other seasonable commodities.

GREY FOR PEACE PRIZE?

Christiania.—The Norwegian *Mercantile Shipping Gazette* proposes in a leading article to-day that the Nobel Peace Prize shall be given to the former British Foreign Minister, Viscount Grey, who, it says, has done more for the world's peace than any man now living and more than any other who has previously had the Nobel Prize. ex-President Roosevelt included.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

INDIAN NEWS.

London, Dec. 18.
A Bombay message—reports exciting scenes at
Pondicherry in connection with the election of a Parlia-
mentary deputy. When the ballot boxes were being
collected the crowd attacked the Police, who were ordered
to fire. Five were killed, and several injured. Many
arrests were made and arms were found in the houses of
those arrested.

Delhi, Dec. 18.

A new Ordinance prohibits possession of Russian
rouble notes. The maximum penalty is three years im-
prisonment and fine, with confiscation.

HAVAS NEWS.

Paris, Dec. 18.
Bolshevists are playing the German game of
trying to divide the Allies. Proof thereof appears in a
Moscow official paper which asserts that a new war is
brewing between America and Japan, and that Anglo-
French relations are frigid and that the old jealousy
between America and Great Britain still exists. Paris
circles state that such Bolshevik assertions are totally
devoid of any foundation. The Executive Council of the
Belgian Committee on national policy adopted a res-
olution asking the Government to take the initiative
for the conclusion of Franco-Belgian and Anglo-Belgian
military agreements. One of the possible measures of
economy in France may be the raising of the inland letter
rate from 15 to 20 centimes.—Havas.

SPIES IN AMERICA.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.
Thirty-two Industrial Workers of the World were
sentenced to prison for from 3½ to 9½ years for violating
the espionage law.

THE FRENCH CABINET.

Paris, Dec. 17.
Talk about the changes in the Clemenceau
Cabinet seems devoid of any reality at present, the
Ministers having as their first task in view the financial
laws, which ought to be voted before the New Year.
Rumor concerning the retirement of the whole Cabinet
after the vote on the financial laws is likely to be more
consistent.—Havas.

QUEEN OF SPAIN IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 17.
The Queen of Spain is staying in Paris. She went
to the opera, the programme including a performance of
the new opera "Goyescas" by the late Señor Granados,
who died when the *Sussex* was torpedoed. On Wednesday
the Queen dines at the *Elysée*.—Havas.

THE KOREAN DELEGATES.

Paris, Dec. 17.
Two Korean delegates formerly appointed to the
Peace Conference have arrived in Paris, where they
learned the Peace Conference had ended. They were
therefore advised to advocate the future of the League
of Nations.—Havas.

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Case No. 1-522. Case No. 2-528. Case No. 3-532.

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| 2 - Duro Port. | 2 - St. Estephe Claret. | 1 - Very Pale Dry Sherry. |
| 2 - Light Dry Sherry. | 1 - Light Dry Sherry. | 1 - Old Port. |
| 2 - Cia. | 1 - Old Tawny Port. | 1 - Estrella Port. |
| 1 - Brandy, Superior Pale. | 1 - Madeira. | 2 - St. Julian Claret. |
| 1 - "E" Whisky. | 1 - Brandy, Superior Pale. | 1 - "E" Brown Brandy. |
| 1 - Spey Royal Whisky. | 1 - "E" Whisky. | 1 - Cia Dry. |
| | 1 - Dewar's White Label Whisky. | 1 - "E" Whisky. |
| | 1 - Spey Royal Whisky. | 1 - Dewar's White Label Whisky. |
| | 1 - Cia. | 1 - Spey Royal Whisky. |
| | 1 - Orange Brandy, M. B. R. | 1 - Apricot Brandy, M. B. R. |

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OUR LETHARGIC J.P.'S

Some weeks ago, it was announced that there was a vacancy on the Licensing Board, caused by the resignation of Mr. Shelton Hooper. This gentleman represented the Justices of the Peace—"the Great Unpaid"—on the Board, and so the J.P.'s were invited, in accordance with rules and regulations, to get up an election amongst themselves and by this method select one of their number as Mr. Hooper's successor. The first official invitation was ignored: nobody was nominated; and there was no election. The Justices of the Peace were, however, given another chance, and this time, at the eleventh hour, two of them summoned up sufficient energy to propose and second Mr. Stafford Northcote for the position. No other candidate came forward, and thus it was that this nominee was duly declared elected to the vacancy. There was evidently no great rivalry for the job, possibly because, in the eyes of the J.P.'s, it carried little honour and would occasionally involve a little inconvenience. At any rate, overtures had twice been made to them before they made any response, and even then the invitation was very tardily acted upon.

In itself, this little incident is of no great importance, but it will serve as a peg upon which to hang a few comments concerning the lack of real interest locally in civic life. Here the Justices of the Peace do not, as at Home, exercise magisterial functions; Hongkong favours the stipendiary system, mainly, no doubt, because no body of men engaged in business could be expected to devote the large amount of time to the hearing of cases which has necessarily to be given in this Colony. Our J.P.'s do little else than use the title and pay occasional visits to the Gaol and the Lunatic Asylum, with what beneficial results to either institution it would be difficult to say. It is true that they have the right to send a representative to the Legislative Council, and they keenly exercise it, possibly because election to that body carries with it the magic prefix "Honourable". Their representation on the Licensing Board does not greatly bother them, though at Home a J.P. regards his duties in regard to the supervision of liquor licences as a by no means unimportant part of his civic responsibilities. Here the Licensing Board has, for some reason or other, no attractions for public men; they rather aspire to higher honours.

The mere fact that there should be this lack of interest, this lethargy, in regard to the acceptance of an essential position in the administration of the Colony's affairs is a sign that our civic sense is not developed, as it ought to be. It even conveys the impression that much of the shouting about Constitutional Reform may be hollow and insincere, and that it is self-aggrandisement by a few, rather than a desire to serve the public, which inspires some of the agitation for revision of the Colony's Constitution. At any rate, so far as the Justices of the Peace are concerned it is no credit to them that they should require so much persuasion before they can be got to select a representative to serve on one of the few bodies to which members can be appointed by election as distinct from nomination. These are the men who ask to be permitted to continue their right, under Constitutional Reform, to a seat on our governing body. Before a man in business life is entitled to take on a big position, he is generally required to show that he has enthusiasm and efficiency for the smaller job. Our J.P.'s evidently scorn the lesser honour and fall over themselves when it comes to the larger offerings. That is not the spirit in which to work for the public weal. So perhaps hereafter the Justices of the Peace will take a more proportionate view of their responsibilities, and be content to do a little of the drudgery, even though in the process they may not come very prominently into the public view.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

THE SHIPPING STRIKE.

There is a general feeling of satisfaction abroad at the termination of the shipping strike, which at one time threatened to be a very serious thing for the Colony. With the near approach of the holiday season it would have been an extremely regrettable occurrence if the ships on which the Colony is so dependent for its daily supplies had been laid by idle. With the general consent having been obtained that all matters under dispute shall be referred to an Arbitration Board it would, in some degree, be unwise to comment on the points to be discussed; but one can hardly refrain from expressing the opinion that there need have been no strike at all if the owners had at first seen fit to comply with the very reasonable demand of the men that arbitration should be generally agreed to. Unlike most of the disputes at Home and in America, it was a case of employers refusing arbitration and the dissatisfied men urging it. One has become used to the reverse order, and it was because of this that there existed such a general feeling of sympathy with the men. Having made demands, which they considered reasonable, they were prepared to stand or fall by the verdict of an impartial Board and declined to take the high-handed attitude of complete success or nothing. The reluctance of the shipowners to agree to this suggestion gave the general impression that they had but a weak case by refusing what was asked for.

THE FOOTBALL INCIDENT.

Sportsmen in general and footballers in particular will have learned with a very great deal of regret of the unpleasant incident which took place at Happy Valley on Saturday during the match between St. Joseph's College and South China. With regard to the actual players themselves there appears to be no ground for complaint, but it is in regard to the attitude of partisan spectators that the matter has to be considered. In the instance under review it would appear that it was owing to the action of some hot-headed young Chinese that the serious affair resulted. Without reviewing the facts, which were fully reported in yesterday's *Telegraph*, a few words of advice to Chinese supporters of football would not seem out of place. Football, or any other sport, is not merely a matter of winning a game: it is a recreation that carries with it the principles of honour and fairness that are inherent parts of all sport. When partisanship runs so high as to lead supporters to indulge in a free fight, it is time that that partisanship was removed or at least very rigidly controlled. With the Chinese players themselves there is no complaint, for we have very frequently testified to the sporting game they play, but to the demeanour of Chinese spectators—mostly young and excitable—there is justifiable resentment felt. Saturday's incident, though perhaps more serious, is not the first of its kind. Sport of the western code is possibly still a little strange to a good many of these youths, but before they can support it they have to assimilate and understand its underlying principles. If the vernacular papers would administer a few lectures on these lines it would possibly do a great deal of good. To play or support sport one must first be a sportsman.

HOLDING.

It seems that the housing problem is being very boldly tackled at Home, and the speech given by Mr. Lloyd George to a conference of builders reveals that the Government is fully alive to the urgency of the question. The details given of the steps that are being taken to meet the demand must have been read by the people at Home with a deal of satisfaction. Things have a habit of maturing slowly in Hongkong and in connection with housing that habit has been well maintained. There certainly is a great deal of activity going on in the preparation of sites above the Wan Chai Gap, but the houses to be built there are not of the type that is most in demand. One wants to see an actual beginning with the Kowloon scheme and a genuine attempt to provide, as early as possible, the housing that the majority of people need. Their plight is a great deal worse than that of people better off and it is the satisfying of their needs that should be given first consideration.

DAY BY DAY.

THINKING WILL GET YOU FARTHER THAN TALKING—THAT IS IF YOU HARNESS YOUR THOUGHTS TO ACTION.

A dance is being held at the U.S.R.C., Kowloon, to-night.

"Islander's Diary," by "Ajax," is unavoidably held over until to-morrow.

The annual children's entertainment and Christmas tree jollifications take place at the Civil Service Club grounds on Boxing Day.

We are informed by the Right Reverend Bishop D. Pozzani that all Catholics in the Colony are dispensed from abstinence on Friday, the 26th instant.

The Colonial Secretary informs us that in future any information or documents which it is desired to communicate to the Press will be laid on the table in the Council Chamber.

The Hongkong Tramway Company's receipts for the week ended December 20, totalled \$12,980, which is a decrease of \$886 over the same week last year. For the 51 weeks of the year, the takings total \$703,621, which represents an increase of \$3,999 over the same weeks in 1918.

Last week's health return shows four cases of diphtheria (two fatal), three of enteric fever (one fatal) and two of cerebro-spinal fever (both fatal). Except two British cases of enteric, all the sufferers were Chinese. For the 48 hours ended yesterday, there was a clean bill of health.

News has been received locally of the death of the American Consul-General at Melbourne, Mr. William C. Magelsen. He was on his way home and died at sea near Honolulu. He was American Consul at Colombo in 1909 to 1911, and since then has been Consul-General at Melbourne.

In connection with the Cabaret at the Volunteer Headquarters on Saturday last, we are asked to state that the sweets sold by the girls, in costumes provided by Madame Flint, were kindly supplied by the Swiss community, whilst the refreshments at the Cabaret and at Friday's dance were generously given free by the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.

Messrs. Struthers and Dixon have appointed Messrs. Shewan, Tones and Co. as their agents in Canton. The United States Shipping Board are assigning more boats to Messrs. Struthers and Dixon. The West Iris will be transferred to this firm for the Hongkong-Seattle run, sometime in February, while the Colorado Spring will be consigned to Messrs. Struthers and Dixon by the U.S. Shipping Board in January, for the San Francisco run.

A Chinese who has made his pile in Detroit (U.S.A.) as a laundryman was to-day fined \$600 for attempting to smuggle 646 rounds of ammunition through the Colony. Mr. El Arculli defended the accused, who, in the witness-box, stated that the wooden case in the sides of which the ammunition was concealed, in grooves, was purchased by him from a friend and that he was not aware of the presence of the ammunition. He mentioned that he was a native of Kwong Hoi City, in the Sunning District, and that he was on his way back there from America when he was arrested on the Empress of Asia.

The thief who made a burglarious attempt on Sunday evening at the residence of Mr. I. S. Smith, at Wan Chai Road, was to-day brought again before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court. It will be remembered that after having called a brother as a witness, with unsatisfactory results, he made another effort to extricate himself from his position by mentioning the houseboy of Mr. Smith as the person who would speak to the fact that he went into the house for a lawful purpose. The "boy" had not the kindness that the chief expected in him, for, when called into the Court to-day, he said that he did not know him. The punishment of the thief was to have been one month but when His Worship was informed that the man had previously been to gaol for a similar offence, he put on an additional two months. The same man some few months ago had been convicted for entering the Astor House for an unlawful purpose.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

A COMING BOON TO HONGKONG.

TO BE OPENED BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

Hongkong residents and visitors have been looking forward for practically a year now to the promised Repulse Bay Hotel, and on January 1st their hopes in this regard will be gratified, for His Excellency the Governor has consented to open the new building on that date. And it will be a big day for Hongkong, because there will then be provided a real pleasure resort for the Colony, a hotel without its like in the East, and a greater opportunity to enjoy scenery unequalled in any part of the world. These may sound high terms, but they are in every way justified.

A representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, who over the weekend was privileged with a visit to the Bay and a preliminary inspection of the Hotel, was first struck by the marvellous natural beauty of the spot in which the Hotel is situated. The bay is sheltered on the east and west by projecting spurs of hillside and an uninterrupted view to the south is obtained of a sweeping sandy beach, and of a shimmering sea with islands near and distant. Behind towers the high wooded hill, shutting out the cold north winds of winter, while the cool south west winds of summer have uninterrupted play along the coast.

Hongkong, notorious for its scenery and beautiful views, could not have provided a better spot. The description of Repulse Bay as the coming Mentone of the East will be recognised as but barely adequate by those who are cognizant of the complete projected scheme. And what one is struck by also is that the hotel, far from being a disfigurement of the natural beauty, admirably fits in with the scheme of things and stands out as an artistic structure in an artistic setting. Entirely of white, it is fronted by a miniature Italian garden enclosed in low white balustrading of effective design. Here a fountain will play by day, and on well-designed pedestals large ball lights will illuminate the entrance by night.

More than a few words are justified regarding the building itself. High enough to command views that compel admiration, it is convenient to the leach and roadway. In fact its flight of broad white steps runs up from the road itself. At the entrance is a portico very similar to that outside the Hongkong Hotel, but the feature of the building is the balcony that runs along the entire front, being 150 feet long by 14 feet wide. It is from this that one gets the finest views, and on which one will be able to sit and enjoy the cool summer breezes. By night it will be well lighted up by powerful lights. One passes inside to the main hall, which is a fine airy apartment, having no less than 3,500 square feet of floor space. The walls are of a soft-toned colour wash and a deep teak wainscoting runs round the entire room. Large hanging semi-indirect lights of amber and blue give an artistic touch. Directly central is the control office, with a round band balcony over, the whole of the wood work being in teak. At either end of the room one sees the Hotel's crest in *bas relief*, and the scheme of the room in its entirety is particularly striking. This large hall will serve both as a dining room and dance hall. At either end is situated a residential suite, but later, when the residential wings are completed, it is proposed to throw these into the main hall, the building having been designed to that effect. Adjoining the hall are two open pergolas permitting a through breeze from front to back. These are already stocked with ferns and creepers which will grow to better maturity, and fountains will here play in artistic pottery basins. The whole of the main building has been designed to give as artistic and cool effect as possible.

Two residential wings have yet to be completed—that on the left being already in a fairly advanced state of construction. It is anticipated that it will be ready by May. In front of the wing will be a tennis court and from each bedroom a direct view of the sea will be possible. A 14ft. verandah will run the length of the wing and each bedroom will be 20ft. by 20ft., will have its own bathroom with a constant supply of hot and cold water, and also a dressing room of lift. by 6ft. As the demand for accommodation justifies, there will be further

extensions, and one can safely prophesy that in another twelve months a big residential hotel will be in full occupation.

As time makes it possible the ground between the hotel and beach will be properly treated and in the complete scheme of things sloping gardens will run down almost to the beach. The possibilities of the site as have yet only been touched on the fringe.

The American system of control and service has been instituted and it is a departure that will be particularly appreciated. Store rooms, pantries and kitchen are all situated at the back but have been arranged on a plan whereby the service will be of the most quick and efficient possible. The interior of the rooms, even to the window sills, are of white glazed china, ensuring the maximum cleanliness and sanitation. In fact the whole hotel is a model of sanitation. Every bathroom and lavatory is of the same white china; there are large built-in porcelain baths; Sloan flush valves are fitted to every convenience doing away with the necessity for cisterns; a sceptic tank well removed will deal with all refuse; perfect drainage has been installed; and in every particular possible sanitation has been studied.

A visit to the back premises is really a revelation as compared to things generally seen in Hongkong. Each bath has a hot and cold water supply and hot and cold water showers. The water supply is obtained from impounded reservoirs one of which holds over 80,000 gallons. There is a proper system of filtration and the water will be ice cooled by the electric refrigerator provided. The hotel will make its own ice, and will be able to do its own cold storage. Triple-filtered ice water will be supplied direct to each bedroom. In winter the whole building will be electrically heated.

Dealing more particularly with service, every bedroom will have its own telephone communicating with the central office. In the matter of fittings, too, there has been allowed nothing but the very latest. Yale locks, improved electric switches, (of guaranteed safety), patent window adjusters—one could give a long list. As regards furniture the whole of that in the hotel itself will be of teak, whilst the furnishing of the bedrooms will be carried out in white.

Summing everything up, one can class it as "The Hotel of Threes S's"—sit, sanitation and service. And it will be a hotel of attraction, too. It is intended to have dances during the season and on Sunday afternoons the band will give sacred musical concerts, forming an attraction for people to journey out for tea. Tourists to Hongkong, who so often complain that there is nowhere to go, will have that disability removed. Hongkong, more than ever, will become a centre of attraction for holiday seekers throughout the East. There is the Golf Course close by, there is fine fishing and glorious bathing. It might here be mentioned that the Government is now constructing a very substantial landing pier for launches. The hotel is on the main road round the island and will be a point of call for those making the trip.

As regards the accessibility of the hotel the problem has been solved by the Dragon Motor Company. On January 1, there is being instituted a motor bus service to Repulse Bay at the low charge of \$1 return. It is hoped to have five of these small motor buses running by that time. The buses, which have been locally constructed, will accommodate twenty passengers each, all facing front. They are cushion seated and will be covered at the top. More are under construction. The trip will take about an hour each way, but when the new road that is being constructed from the Wong Nei Cheong Gap is opened it will be of much shorter duration. We learn that a service of motor bus trips round the island at a charge of \$2 is contemplated when the road is completed. Government permission for the service has been granted.

From the above it will be seen that a very big development in the attractiveness of Hongkong is imminent. The intended development of the south side of the island has now seen a beginning and it is safe to predict that in a few years time Repulse Bay will present a very different aspect to what it did this time a year ago.

Any attempted review of the hotel and the developments in connection with it would be incomplete without a mention of the zeal and energy with which Mr. J. H. Taggart has applied himself to the task. Under his

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

EVANS—GRIMBLE.

A wedding in which great social interest was centred took place at noon at St. John's Cathedral today, when Miss Vida Ellis Grimble, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Grimble, of Hongkong, was married to Mr. Sidney Evans, Deputy Ordnance Store Officer, Hongkong Naval Dockyard, only son of Mr. Sidney Evans, of Pontypool, Monmouthshire. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a large gathering of guests, was performed by the

ASTRONOMY.

INTERESTING LECTURE.

The Hall of the Union Church was last night filled by a large number of persons interested in the lecture which the Rev. J. Kirk Macnachie delivered on the planetary system. Commodore Gurner was in the chair.

The remarks of the lecturer were greatly elucidated by numerous lantern slides, the lecture being divided into three parts. The first was a sketch of the history of astronomy. The second was reference to the planets in number and detail. Lastly he dealt with the recent prophecies of which they had all heard.

The first lantern slide which the lecturer showed depicted a diagram of the system of planets as it was conceived by Pythagoras in the 6th Century B.C. This astronomer and his school held that the sun was one of the planets and that the received their light from internal forces. The earth they believed to be in the centre of the system, with the sun and other planets revolving round it. This belief was given rise to by the apparent movements of the sun and stars, which, rising and setting each day, appeared to them to have made a revolution round the earth. The fact that the earth revolved on its axis was not known then.

An ingenious sketch by an early Danish astronomer depicted the sun as taking with it Mercury and Venus in its revolution round the earth, then Mars, and Jupiter, and lastly around this conceived planetary system was encircled a crystalline belt of stars. The impression at that time generally held was that the planets revolved in perfect circles around the sun, whereas in reality they were ovals. The later discovery of the telescope went a long way towards the elucidation of the nature of the planetary system.

In depicting another diagram of the planetary system in which fiery-tailed comets were much in evidence, the lecturer hastened to explain that there was never such a collection of comets at any one time as on the diagram which he was showing. He traced the course of the comets which, travelling in an elongated oval, with one end encircling the sun, received their fiery tails when coming in within close proximity to the sun. That sketch, which was drawn by the earlier astronomers, showed Saturn with his ring. Father Neptune was also vested with a ring, whereas in point of fact he had no such adornment. One of the early astronomers in the Middle Ages, Galileo, was called to account before the ecclesiastical authorities for daring to upset their pet theory that the sun revolved round the earth, which belief as a matter of respect of the Creator they had woven into religion, and had held with veneration. Their belief was that the earth, being specially created by God for man's use, should take a premier position among the planets and that every other heavenly body must revolve round it. Consequently, Galileo was looked upon almost as a heretic and had to recant his theory before the church dignitaries.

In another diagram the lecturer showed the respective sizes of the planets in the solar system. The sun was in the centre of the system while round it revolved the different planets. Jupiter in the earlier stages of astronomical research was believed to form the outermost limit of the system. The later discovery of Uranus doubled man's knowledge of the planetary system which was also considerably added to by the further discovery of Neptune.

Speaking on Jupiter, the lecturer informed his audience that they could see this planet at present any night if the sky were clear. It would rise in the East and would have the appearance of a bright yellow body. Though Jupiter was 1,300 times larger than the earth, it was not so heavy in proportion. Mercury was very small (speaking from an astronomical point of measurement), but proportionally it was the heaviest body, being equal in weight to zinc. Saturn would float in an ocean if one could be found for it. Jupiter had that weight which permitted it to sink in a dignified manner befitting its magnitude, but Mercury would drop plumb down to the bottom.

This difference between the planets and stars was explained by the lecturer. Many people, he said, did not know the difference between these two

class of heavenly bodies. To them every bright shining body was a star and no more. The distinction was that the planets gave no light of their own, but borrowed it by reflection from the sun, while the stars had light of their own, revolving round them.

BOXING DAY.

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH.

A charity football match will be played on the Hongkong Club ground at Happy Valley, by kind permission of the Hongkong Club, on Boxing Day, kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

The match is for the final for the 6th Submarine Flotilla Cup. Admission to the stands will be 50 cents, and a collection will also be made on the ground, the proceeds of which will be given to the War Devastated France Fund.

The Cup will be presented to the winning team immediately after the game. Mr. J. W. Black, H.R.C.C. will be the referee.

ENGLAND V SCOTLAND MATCH.

All League matches are cancelled for Saturday next in consequence of a big effort being made by the H.K.F.A. officials for the Fund for Devastated France, and as there are no great counter-attractions on that day there should be large crowds in attendance to help swell the funds for this good cause. The matches which have been decided upon will be of an interesting nature. In the first match, there is sufficient sprinkling of the local Chinese team to interest the large following of the Chinese Club. We hope one day that a match will be arranged Scotland or England v China, but the time is hardly ripe for this, as most of the British teams in the Colony beat South China Athletic now, and South China represent their country in the Eastern Olympiads. Perhaps in the course of a few seasons the great match will be China v. England or Scotland.

As regards teams for Saturday next, there is no doubt the selection Committee have carefully considered the relative merits of form of the men to date. Every representative team is more or less subject to criticism and representative teams are much more difficult to weld together than a Club team, for it must be considered that the best men in the League might all be players of the same position and one only can be selected at a time. The Father scathing criticism which the Civilian side in the Junior match has been subjected to is in this respect is unjustified, and the civilian team as selected will give a good account of themselves. As regards the Senior match, strong teams have been chosen and there has not been any hostile criticism of the selection. Probably the task has been easier when it is considered that the local players are barred owing to the nationality clause. The English team looks a strong team and contains representatives from more Clubs than the Scottish team, but this feature should be an advantage for Scotland, whose combination should be superior. In any event, with both sides determined to make a good show for their respective countries, a good class exhibition of football should result.

In connection with the same fund a most interesting Naval Cup Final will be played off on Friday, the 26th instant, on the Club ground between teams representing the Submarine 7 and Stoker Branch "Ambrose" for the 6th Submarine Flotilla Cup. The match promises to be a very keen one as the sides are well matched and great rivalry exists between the Finalists. The kick-off is timed for 3.30 p.m. and the Cup will be presented to the winning team after the match.

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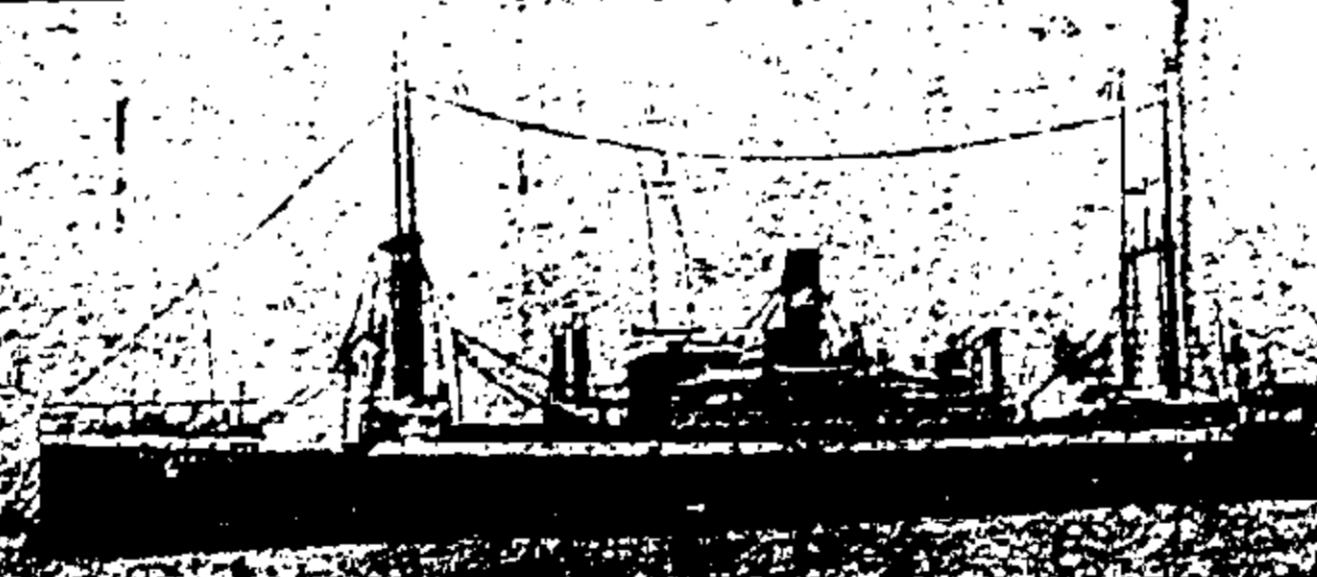
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The N. Y. K. s.s. TENSHO M. (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 20th Dec. and is expected here on the 23rd Dec.

The P. & O. s.s. ARRATOON APCAR left Moji for this Port on the 20th instant at p.m. and is due here on the 23rd instant at about p.m.

TIDE TABLE.

22nd to 23rd December, 1919.

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THE "CHINA MAIL" CASE.

JUDGMENT GIVEN THIS MORNING.

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The case in which Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, editor of the *China Mail*, was ordered to appear before the Supreme Court for alleged contempt of Court was concluded this morning before Sir William Rees Davies and Mr. Justice Gompertz.

It will be recalled that the alleged contempt was committed by the publication of comment on a case at the Magistracy in which a Chinese was committed for trial on a charge of uttering 27 forged Rupee notes. The committal was ordered on December 10 and the comment complained of appeared on December 11.

The Hon. Attorney-General appeared for the Crown and the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson) defended.

When the Court opened this morning, Mr. Alabaster continued to quote legal authorities in support of his contention that there was no contempt.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said that the articles complained of were based on a reporter's story and he would like to know if the reporter's version substantially embodied the evidence on which the man was committed.

Mr. Alabaster replied that he did not know, as he had not seen the depositions.

Mr. Justice Gompertz pointed out that at the time of the article there was a case pending—at least there was a case before the Grand Jury. Subsequently the Grand Jury threw the case out, but there was, prior to that, a possibility of the case going before a Common Jury. The article stated that there was no case on which a Magistrate ought to have committed and no case on which a jury would convict.

Mr. Alabaster replied that the writer took the reporter's story as it stood, but he suggested that there was possibly a good deal more. The Magistrate no doubt knew what he was doing. Taking the story only as it stood, he said that there did not seem enough on which to convict.

Mr. Justice Gompertz—Supposing the reporter's story did substantially embody the facts before the Magistrate, it was comment on a pending case.

Mr. Alabaster—My argument is that the comment was not enough to prejudice.

Mr. Justice Gompertz—It was something like a direction to a jury that there was not enough evidence on which to commit.

The Chief Justice, having read a portion of the comment, said that the article would have been read by a number of people in Hongkong, one or more of whom might have served on the Common Jury. At the trial their minds would go back to what they had read and they might have already formed some judgment.

Mr. Alabaster said there was no point given other than those that would have come out at the trial.

Mr. Justice Gompertz—That is not the point. This is like a trial by newspaper. If a man does that, however innocently, he must stand the consequences.

Mr. Alabaster—It is for the Crown to show that the case would have been prejudiced.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said that that was a question of fact.

The Chief Justice—I have no hesitation in saying that the case would have been prejudiced.

Mr. Justice Gompertz—And I have no hesitation in agreeing with the Chief Justice.

The Chief Justice—This is an article written regarding man who was committed for trial. Anyone reading that article would have formed an opinion.

Mr. Alabaster pointed out that there were only two people whom the comment could have pre-judged. One was the prisoner and the other was the Crown.

The prisoner was certainly not prejudiced, and he submitted that was for the Crown to show that the article was of such a nature as would have seriously hampered them in the presentation of their case and made it more difficult for them to have laid their case before a Jury.

Mr. Justice Gompertz thought the Crown would be pre-judged.

Mr. Alabaster said he failed to know how prosecution would seriously prejudiced.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said that learned writer had said that degrees of contempt were as high as the degrees of man.

Mr. Alabaster contended that this comment was of such a trifling nature that the Court would not be justified in exercising its jurisdiction. It was not sufficiently serious for their Lordships to feel that they must interfere. He was not saying that the Crown should not have brought the case, but that a penalty was not justified.

This concluded Mr. Alabaster's case and their Lordships intimated that they did not require to hear the Attorney-General in reply. They asked that in the event of the Court imposing a fine whether the Crown was also asking for costs, and the Attorney-General replied in the negative.

Their Lordships then rose to consider their judgment, which they delivered at noon. This stated—

In our judgment these articles tend to obstruct the administration of justice and therefore constitute contempt of court. In R. v. Parke 1903 2 K.B. 432 it was held that when a person having been charged before the Petty Sessions with an indictable offence triable only at the Assizes, matter is published in a newspaper tending to interfere with the fair trial of the charge, the High Court has jurisdiction to attach the publisher of such matter for contempt of Court, notwithstanding that at the time of the publication the person charged had not yet been committed for trial. Now the case before us is in an *a fortiori* one as the person charged had been committed for trial when the articles complained of were published. It had still to come before another tribunal, the Grand Jury—in this case represented by the Attorney-General. It now appears that the Attorney-General subsequently to the filing of this motion has decided that there is no case to go to a jury. There is, therefore, at the present time no trial pending. But in our opinion this has no bearing on the question whether the respondent is in contempt or not. "The substitution of trial by a preliminary Court in the newspapers when a trial by one of the regular tribunals of the country is going on is bad for the suitors and bad for society at large." Per Wills J. in *re* Finance Union 11 T.L.R. at 186. We adopt the language of the judgment in the case of R. v. Davies 1906 1. K.B. at page 35, a judgment of the Divisional Court, confirming the decision in R. v. Parke as follows:—"Our judgment in *Rex v. Parke* (1) applies. We adhere to the view we expressed in that case that the publication of such articles is contempt of the Court which ultimately tries the case after committal, although at the time when they are published it cannot be known whether there will be a committal or not. Their tendency is to poison the stream of justice in that Court, though at the time of their publication the stream had not reached it; and as such articles are calculated to interfere with the power of the Court (whatever it be) that tries the case to do effective justice, it is a contempt of any Court which very well may try the case, but in fact does not do so, as well as of the Court which actually tries it."

We accept the apology of the respondent and also his assurance that he had no intention of prejudicing the trial of the accused person. The principle, of course, is that a man is responsible for the natural consequence of his acts, and a duty is placed upon an Editor of a newspaper to refrain from the publication of matter which may interfere with the administration of justice. The learned Attorney-General is not asking for the costs of the Crown. In our opinion the imposition of a moderate fine will meet the justice of the case and we impose a fine of fifty dollars.

CRICKET.

NAVY v. GARRISON.

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SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

The fourth championship event for racing yachts was sailed on Saturday, 20th inst. The course for Handicap class was—Kowloon Rocks (S) Channel Rocks (S) Mark boat at starting line (S), Lycemun Beacon (S) 8.8 miles. The other classes sailed the same course as far as the mark boat, then went to Cust Rock (S) Channel Rocks (P), 8.5 miles.

The wind, which had been steady fresh N.E. on the three preceding days, turned out to be very fickle and not till the racing was more than half over did it settle down to a true wind. The Handicap class had some close finishes, on the corrected times, 11 secs. covering the last three boats. "Rolla" secured her first win, displacing "Dorothea." Dione seemed unable to recover from her unfortunate start, when she was becalmed for a while.

The One Design provided another win for Ailsa, who sailed into premier position before the first mark and was never caught afterwards. The other boats had some close racing, with several changes in leadership, and Halcyon, after suffering some trouble with her spinnaker halyard during the run down from Channel Rocks to the mark boat, made up a lot of time, and having luck with the wind after rounding Cust Rock, worked out a lead which the other two boats could not reduce. Bonita boat Daphne by three secs. at the finish.

In the Heyward-Hays class "Dawn" was unfortunately unable to start as no helmsman could be procured for her. "Ursula" won from "Sirius," who easily beat "Lola."

The Gael Class had some even racing to Cust Rock and there, when coming on to the wind, Joss outlasted her rivals and won comfortably, although giving 1 min. 23 secs. away. "Toinette," who with a new sail had done well whilst reaching and running, did not show up so well on the wind and was well beaten by "Gael."

HANDICAP CLASS.
(Start 2.30 p.m.)

H'cap Finish-Corrected Yachts on ing ed Course Time Time Dione scratch 434 32 434 32 Rolla do 429 20 429 20 Jessica 1 28 435 57 434 29 Dorothea 4 24 434 38 430 14 Colleen 6 35 440 57 434 21 Diana 6 36 D N S Ayesha 6 36 D N S

Position Points for Race. Points for Date.

(1) Rolla 8 25

(2) Dorothea 6 30

(3) Colleen 5 17

(4) Jessica 4 13

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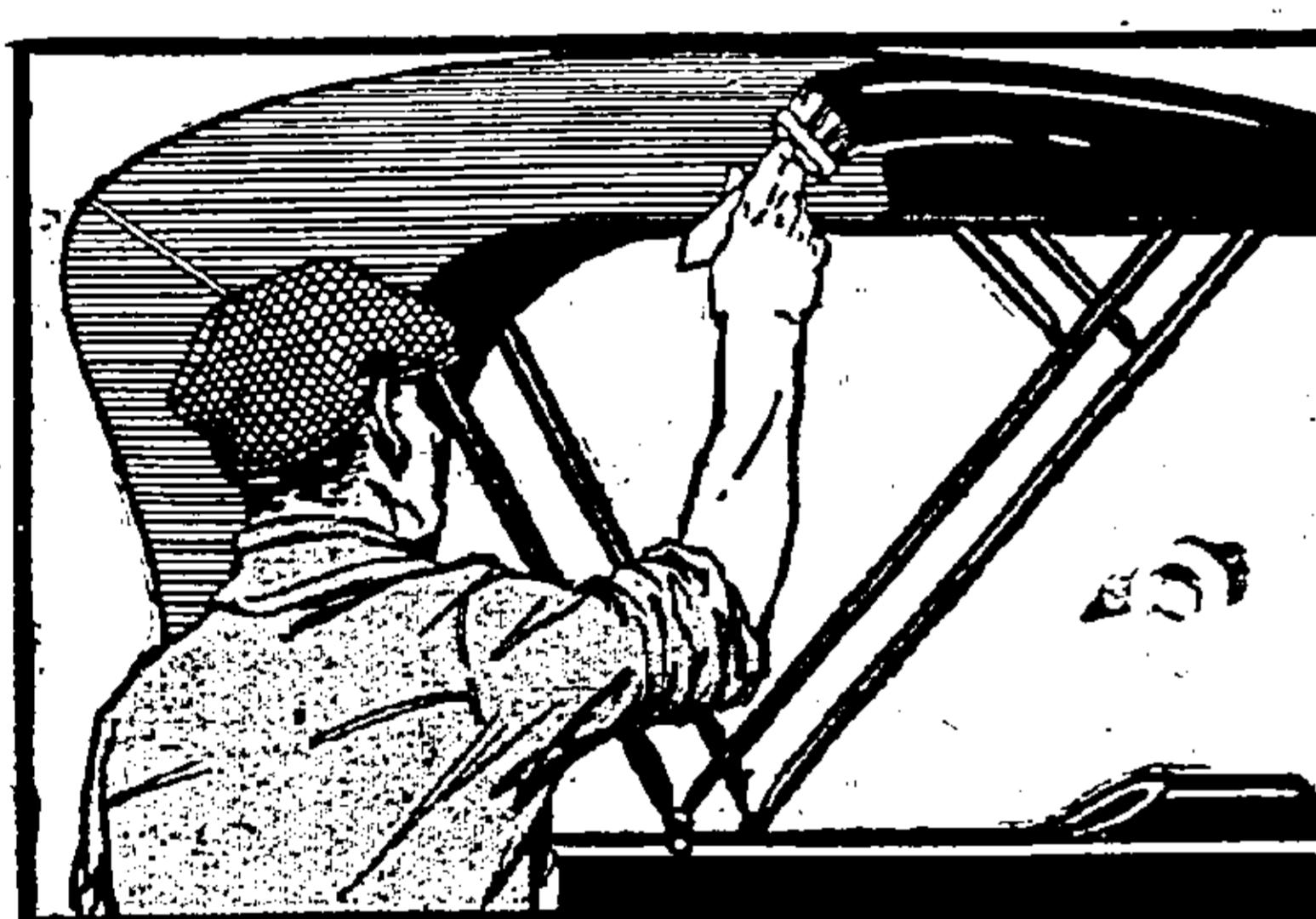
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EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

TROUBLE ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND.

Singapore, December 22.
News has been received in Singapore of what were apparently serious riots at Christmas Island. The news comes in a message from a passing ship, wireless to Darwin and then to Singapore, with a request for help and medical stores. The Islander is due in a few days at Singapore and steps will be taken to send her back with assistance.

THE PRICE OF STRAITS RICE.

Singapore, December 22.
In view of recent rumours it is officially stated that the Government does not intend to make any alteration in the price of rice on the 1st. prox.

CZECHS GOING HOME.

Shanghai, December 22.
The steamer Trasos Montes, the ex-German liner Bulow, is here from Vladivostok with two thousand Czechs going to Prague. They are parading here on Tuesday morning and Allied ladies are entertaining them on Wednesday.

GENERAL GAIDA AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, December 22.
General Gaida is giving a farewell dinner to-night to Chinese officials and Colonel Emerson is attending.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PEACE TREATY.

Paris, Dec. 17.
The Supreme Council will meet again on Wednesday to draw up a reply to Germany, containing a decision regarding the German observations on the handing over of the harbour material demanded. This doubtless will be the last note to Germany before the exchange of ratifications. This is expected possibly before Christmas, almost surely before New Year.—Havas.

The important French papers in leading articles make an eloquent appeal to the United States to ratify the Peace Treaty before Christmas.—Havas.

Paris, Dec. 18.
The impression in Paris circles continues to prevail that negotiations will soon end with agreement, which will permit the signing of the protocol thus settling the Sepsa Flow question. Judging from the declarations of German representatives it is foreseen that arrangements concerning measures for the transmission of powers in territories to be evacuated can be rapidly concluded. Thus no obstacle will remain for the exchange of ratifications which will mark the entrance of the Treaty into force.—Havas.

ELECTRICITY IN TIN MINING.

London, Dec. 19.
With the object of arousing greater interest in the problem of the application of electrical power to tin mining, Messrs. D. M. Hutchinson and W. J. Wayte submitted a joint paper before the Institution of Electrical Engineers on electricity in tin mining in the Malay States. The paper pointed out that the European owned mines employed the maximum of machinery and the minimum of labour, while the Chinese owned mines employed the maximum of labour and minimum of machinery. The mines under Chinese management in 1918 produced about seventy per cent. of the total output, and as there were under half a dozen electrically driven Chinese mining plants there should be great scope for the electrical engineer in the immediate future.

ANGLO-FRENCH ECONOMIC AGREEMENT.

Paris, Dec. 17.
An official statement issued from M. Clemenceau's cabinet concerning the economic and financial agreements reached in London states that with a view to remedying the exchange crisis harmful to both countries the British Government agreed to the issue of a French loan in England. The system of coal export licenses should be continued for a few days to permit further study of the question.—Havas.

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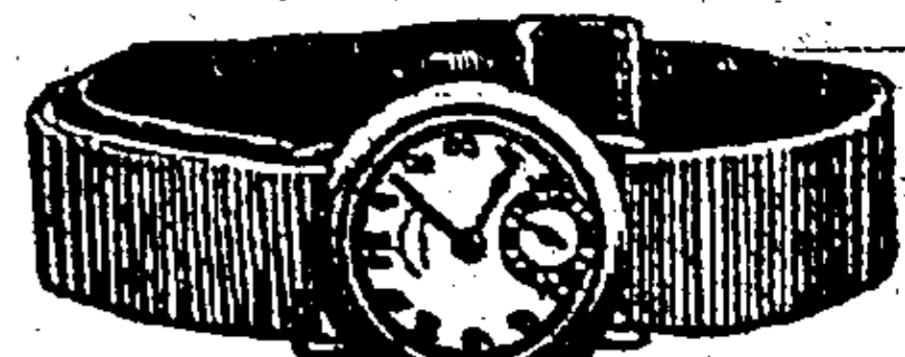
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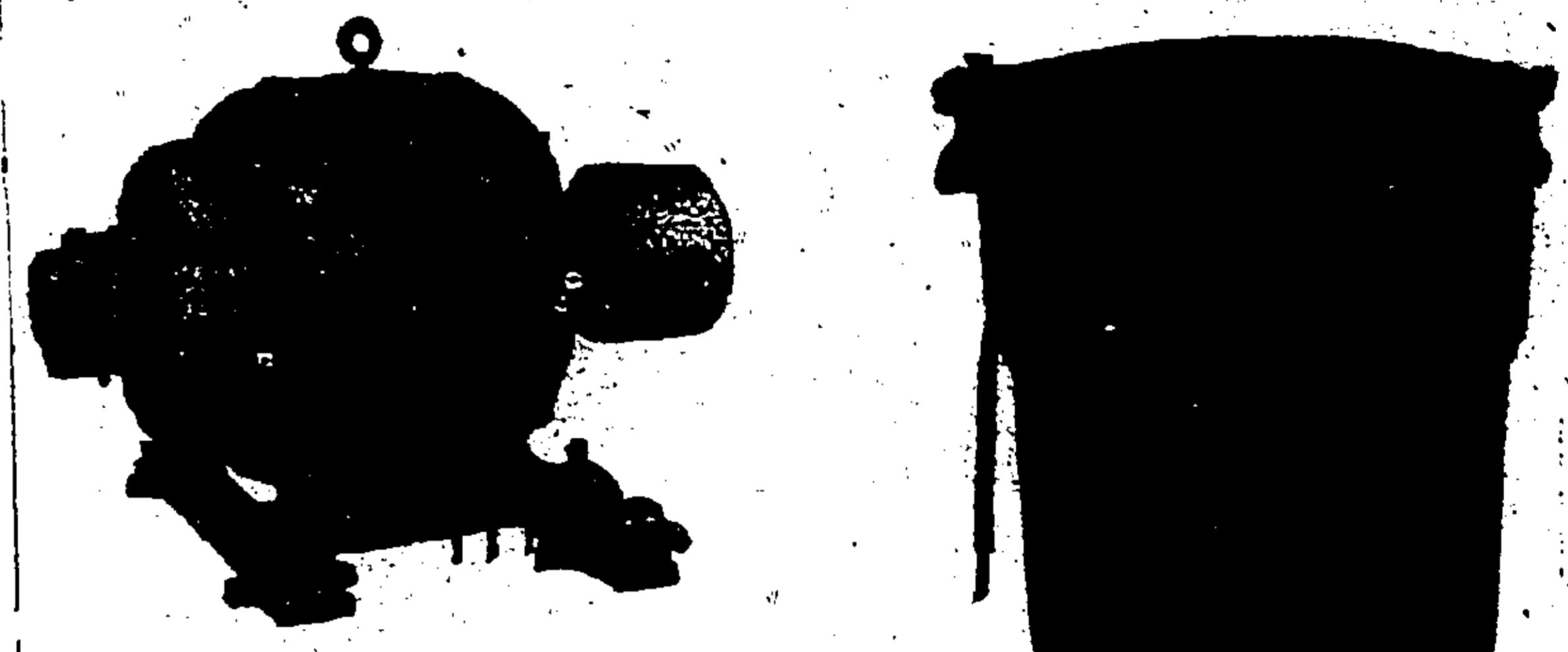
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BOXING.

The gigantic wall which the Dutch are building across the entrance to the Zuider Zee will be 18 miles long and 230 feet wide at sea level.

A glass for X-ray photography has been invented in Europe which absorbs only from 10 to 15 per cent. of the rays, permitting much sharper pictures to be made than heretofore.

More than 75,000 babies in the United States die yearly before they are a month old.

A world-wide system of wireless weather reports from and to ships at sea is in course of organization by the British Admiralty. The cost of living in Japan has increased tenfold since 1887, while wages have advanced four-fold.

Negroes in St. Louis, Mo., are planning to establish a co-operative department store to be operated exclusively by and for members of the race.

Washington was once nicknamed the "Stepfather of his Country."

The Vatican is planning for the restoration of Catholicism in Asia Minor and northern Africa, from which regions it disappeared during the centuries of Moslem growth.

A soldier who lately returned to America wore a bronze medal which he won as the champion doughnut consumer of the A.E.F. His record was 249 crullers in 24 hours.

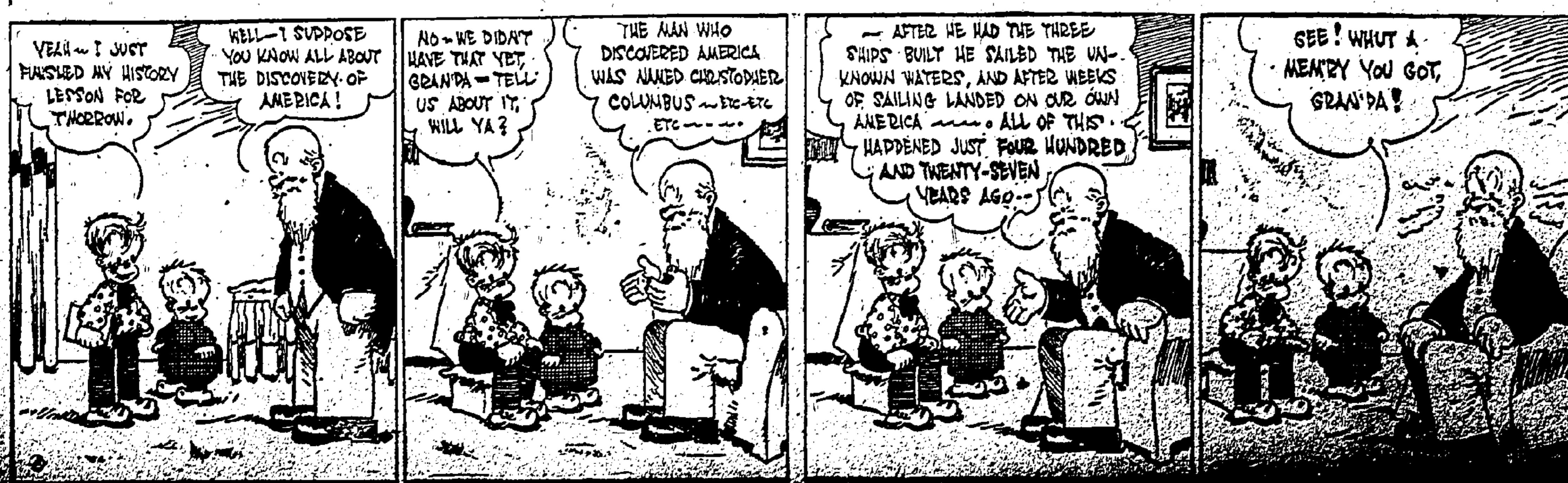
The earth travels more than half a billion miles in a year.

Bengal is the place where the original bungalows were built.

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TO-DAY'S PICTURES.



Batch of German war prisoners being driven through London.



Ordinary warning signs having proved ineffective in checking reckless motoring in England, the skull and crossbones design seen above is now in common use.



Above is seen Miss Pauline Hall walking in Fifth Avenue, New York, with the mascot of the 165th Regiment, which was in the war zone for five months, and which Miss Hall has now adopted.



The above photograph shows Mrs. Golda Wesella, the world's only woman steeplejack, painting the lower part of the 195-foot steeple of the Congregational Church at Oakland. She is the wife of a steeplejack and took up his work when he joined the Army.



Marshal Foch was given a great homecoming demonstration in Farbes, France, his birthplace. Everybody gathered about the front door of his house to give him greeting and here he is shown addressing them from the steps of his home, after listening to their welcome.



Above are seen Mr. Frank Morrison, Secretary of the U.S. Federation of Labour (left) in conversation with Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., on the recent industrial troubles in the States.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



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NOTICES.

THE LEADER.



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WORLD'S SHIPPING.

AN INTERESTING LLOYD'S REPORT.

We have received from Mr. J. S. Gardiner, Lloyd's Surveyor in Hongkong, a copy of a report of the operations of the Society during the year 1918-19, which contains a general survey of the work carried out by the Society during the war.

The report, which runs to 57 pages, is practically a record and review of the shipping industry of the world since August 1914, and many very interesting facts and statistics are now made public for the first time.

In the introduction it is stated that the "vital importance of merchant shipping, which has always been recognised by those engaged in overseas trade, has now been brought home to every member of the community. It is safe to say that if our wonderful mercantile marine with its splendid officers and crews had failed us in our time of trial, as the enemy hoped and expected they would, neither our invincible Navy nor our heroic Army could have saved the Empire from a humiliating and disastrous defeat. The nation does not even yet realize how much it owes to the enterprise and courage of the able men who built up, sometimes under much difficulty, the magnificent fleets of merchant ships which were destined to play so important and distinguished a part in the war. A few industries were the effect of the war more widespread and far-reaching than in the domain of shipping. The disappearance from the high seas of the merchant fleets of Germany and Austria-Hungary, and the continued losses of allied and neutral shipping, combined with the enormous demands which the war made upon the available tonnage, caused a shortage which stimulated the building of ships in every country free to engage in ship construction. In the United Kingdom, merchant shipbuilding was seriously restricted by the necessity for the production of war vessels of various kinds, and by the shortage of labour and materials concerned.

In addition to the Society's ordinary business of the survey and classification of merchant vessels at home and abroad, the following, amongst other special work, has been undertaken, namely:—The special survey during construction of Standard vessels; the special survey during construction of vessels for the

Admiralty and War Office; the inspection and testing of war material in the United States of America, by means of the extension of existing plants and the creation of new establishments, to cope with the increasing demand for tonnage. So much success has attended these efforts that, although the merchant shipbuilding activities of the United Kingdom have greatly increased since the Armistice was signed, the United States has shot far ahead of all competitors in the output of tonnage.

At the close of the year ended 30th June, 1919, 8,756 merchant vessels, registering nearly 22 million tons gross, held classes assigned by the Committee of Lloyd's Register. Of this tonnage Britain, possessed 5,299 vessels of tonnage of 11,993,711, that of all other countries totalling 9,945,749 tons. During the year, classes were assigned by the Committee to 1,251 vessels of 3,801,221 tons gross, included in this total being 294 vessels for Government service. Of the tonnage classed the United States of America built the largest amount, viz.:—470 vessels of 1,883,759 tons, the United Kingdom 579 vessels of 1,265,036 tons, Japan 70 vessels of 355,304 tons and Canada 87 vessels of 199,941 tons. The ownership of the vessels is allocated as follows:—United States of America, 453 vessels of 1,890,176 tons, of which 421 of 1,801,235 tons were for the United States Shipping Board; United Kingdom, 599 vessels of 1,389,919 tons, including 305 of 1,273,714 tons for the Shipping Controller and private owners, and, as above stated, 294 for the Government Service, of 116,205 tons; Japan, 58 vessels of 236,308 tons; and other Countries, 141 vessels of 234,818 tons. Included in the total were 156 vessels, of 943,487 tons, built upon the Ierwood System of longitudinal framing, of which 35 of 204,637 tons were intended for carrying oil in bulk. The total number of oil tankers (including 2 vessels carrying oil in cylindrical tanks) was 63 of 350,405 tons and there were also classed 211 vessels of 1,193,659 tons fitted for burning oil fuel. During the last five years the Society has classed nearly 10,000,000 tons of new shipping.

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Tawawchiew, from Amoy.

Choycheungkuk, Steward of Steamer Chinon, c/o Yeechan Store, from Amoy.

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T. KING, Superintendent, Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1919.

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Westall, from Sydney.

Zohtakan, Sergeant Deger.

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D. H. FARRANT, Superintendent, Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1919.

It is not possible to give further extracts now, but the Report goes on to review shipbuilding in every branch in every part of the world. We hope to be able to give further interesting quotations later.

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